

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

## HURRICANES GUSTAV and IKE

### SITUATION REPORT # 6

1500 Hours 11 September 2008

*New information in bold italic font*

#### SUMMARY

*Preparations have begun along the Gulf Coast in anticipation of Hurricane Ike making landfall on the Central Texas coast sometime early Saturday morning, 13 September. Recovery efforts continue in Louisiana and the Gulf Coast region after Hurricane Gustav made landfall on 1 September near Houma, Louisiana. Virginia continues to support this effort by deployment of State and local resources through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and is poised to respond to additional requests from States that may be impacted by Hurricane Ike.*

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION

##### **EOC Activation**

*The Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) is at Routine Operations and continues to monitor and respond to EMAC requests from States impacted by Hurricane Gustav and those that may be impacted by Hurricane Ike.*

##### **Protective Actions**

Governor Kaine activated the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) on Friday, 29 August, directing State agencies and organizations to identify resources that they could deploy to help Gulf Coast states prepare and respond to impacts from Hurricane Gustav. ***Governor Timothy M. Kaine gave verbal authorization on 10 September to amend Executive Order 75 to include EMAC response for Hurricane Ike.*** [Executive Order # 75](#)

#### WEATHER

##### **Forecast**

***Thursday, 11 September: Mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms; high temps mid to upper 70's; light to moderate winds. Thursday night: Mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms; low's from the mid to upper 60's; South winds 7 to 9 MP. Friday, 12 September: Mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon; High temps mid to upper 70's; South winds between 7 to 12 MPH. Friday night: Mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms; low's from mid to upper 60's; South winds 3 to 7 MPH.***

***Hurricane Ike: At 1100 hours, the center of Hurricane Ike was located 580 miles East-Southeast of Corpus Christ, Texas and 470 miles East-Southeast of Galveston, Texas. Ike is moving toward the West-Northwest at 10 MPH and should be near the Texas coast late Friday night. Maximum sustained winds are near 100 MPH with further strengthening over the next 2 days. Ike is expected to be a major hurricane prior to reaching the Texas coastline. Coastal storm surge flooding of up to 20 feet or more above normal tide levels is forecast along with large dangerous waves near the center of Ike as it makes landfall. Rainfall amounts of 5 to 10 inches are possible with higher amounts up to 15 inches in isolated areas along the central and upper Texas coast.***

#### OPERATIONS SECTION

##### **ESF 5 – Emergency Management**

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) continues to support EMAC Missions that deployed from State Agencies and Local Jurisdictions to the Gulf Coast Region to

support recovery efforts. ***The VEOC continues to broadcast EMAC requests received from States impacted by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.***

### **LOGISTICS SECTION**

- ESF 1 – Transportation** Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
Virginia Department of Transportation, Salem, provided fuel on 31 August to New Jersey State Police Swift Water Rescue Team en-route to Louisiana.
- ESF 7 – Resource Support** VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)  
The Logistics Section and VDEM Emergency Management Assistance Compact Coordinator continue to monitor EMAC requests coming from the Gulf States. Statewide Mutual Aide broadcasts are being sent out to local jurisdictions and State agencies reference these requests. ***The 15 person Fairfax County and 9 person Roanoke City Incident Management Teams (IMT) that combined resources on 5 September and were staged in the City of New Orleans demobilized on 10 September and are enroute to their respective home bases in Virginia.***
- ESF 8 – Public Health** Virginia Department of Health (VDH)  
The Office of Emergency Medical Service advised that 32 contract ambulances have been deployed to the Gulf Region under the direction of FEMA. These resources were not coordinated through EMAC.
- ESF 9 – Search and Rescue** VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)  
At the direction of FEMA, Virginia Task Force 1 (USAR), Fairfax, VA, deployed to Atlanta, Georgia and Virginia Task Force 2 (USAR), VA Beach, deployed to Houston, Texas to support response operations in the Gulf Coast Region. The Virginia Beach USAR Team returned to the State on 5 September and the Fairfax Team was redeployed on 5 September to Jacksonville, Florida for response to Hurricane Ike. ***The Fairfax USAR Task Force 1 Team demobilized on 10 September and has returned to Virginia.***
- ESF 13 – Public Safety and Security** VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (DGIF)  
A 30 person Department of Game and Inland Fishery (DGIF) Task Force that deployed on 31 August to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to support Search and Rescue returned to the Commonwealth on 5 September.
- ESF 16 – Military Affairs** Virginia Army National Guard (VANG)  
A 9 person VANG Planning Unit deployed on 1 September to Camp Beauregard to support planning operations and a 4 person VANG Planning Unit deployed to the National Guard Bureau in Washington DC to support Planning Operations and to coordinate the Nationwide Response effort.

### **PLANNING SECTION**

- ESF 5 – Situation Unit:** Preparing Situation Reports; monitoring WebEOC entries; maintaining situational awareness.

***Next Situation Report will be issued 15 September around 1500 hours.***

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